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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 October 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15-19 and 26-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-19 and 26-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This communication is responsive to Amendment C, Filed 10/01/03.

Claims 15-19, 26-32 are pending in this application. In the Amendment C, claims 20-25 were cancelled, and claims 15, 26, 27, and 30 were amended. This action is made Final.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 15-19, 16-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kusmierczyk (U.S. Pat. No. 5,828,992).

Per claim 15, Kusmierczyk teaches a device comprising:

a display unit (Fig. 1; display 20);

means for displaying a first screen for selecting a display language on the display unit (Fig. 2A; col. 2, lines 58-61); and

means for displaying a second screen with an option on the display unit, the option having a same appearance regardless of the display language currently displayed , wherein the first screen is displayed when the option is designated on the second screen (Fig. 2B; the option:

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F3; col. 2, lines 61-67; The examiner infers that the option having a same appearance regardless of the display language currently displayed is that the F3 function key has the same appearance in both Figs. 2A and 2B).

Per claim 16, Kusmierczyk teaches a device according to claim 15, wherein the option is indicated in a predetermined language regardless of the display language currently selected (Fig. 2B; F3 function key; The examiner infers that the option having a same appearance regardless of the display language currently selected is that the F3 function key has the same appearance in both Figs. 2A and 2B).

Per claim 17, Kusmierczyk teaches a device according to claim 16, wherein the predetermined language is English (Fig. 2B; F3 function key).

Per claim 18, Kusmierczyk teaches a device according to claim 15, wherein the option is indicated by a predetermined symbol regardless of the display language currently selected (Fig. 2B, symbol F3).

Per claim 19, Kusmierczyk teaches a device according to claim 15, wherein the second screen provides plural options for various device settings (Fig. 2B; keys: F1-F10; col. 2, lines 53-58).

Per claim 26, Kusmierczyk teaches a device comprising:

a display unit (Fig. 1; display 20);

a controller which displays a screen on the display unit for selecting a display language (Figs. 2A and 2B; col. 2, lines 58-61); and

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a dedicated key switch provided outside of the display unit, wherein the display language selection screen is directly displayed on the display unit when the dedicated key switch is operated, the dedicated key switch being used only for displaying the display language selecting screen on the display unit (Figs 2A and 2B; col. 2, lines 58-67; function key F3 on keyboard of Fig. 1).

Per claim 27, Kusmierczyk teaches a display device comprising:

a display unit which displays a first screen for selecting a display language (Fig. 2A; col. 2, lines 58-63) and a second screen with an option, wherein the first screen is displayed when the option is designated (fig. 2B; col. 2, lines 61-67; the option: F3 function key); and

a control unit which controls the option to appear the same regardless of the display language currently displayed (Fig. 2B; the option: F3; col. 2, lines 61-67; The examiner infers that the option having a same appearance regardless of the display language currently displayed is that the F3 function key has the same appearance in both Figs. 2A and 2B).

Per claim 28, Kusmierczyk teaches a display device according to claim 27, wherein the option is indicated in a predetermined language regardless of the display language currently selected (Fig. 2B; the option: F3; The examiner infers that the option having a same appearance regardless of the display language currently selected is that the F3 function key has the same appearance in both Figs. 2A and 2B).

Per claim 29, Kusmierczyk teaches a display device according to claim 27, wherein the option is indicated by a predetermined symbol regardless of the display language currently selected (Fig. 2B, symbol F3).

Per claim 30, Kusmierczyk teaches a method of display comprising:
displaying a first screen with an option in a first display language (Fig. 2A; the option: F3);
displaying a second screen for selecting a display language when the option is designated on the first screen, and setting the selected language through the second screen as a second display language, the second display language being different from the first display language (Figs. 2B and 2A; the option: F3; col. 61-67); and
displaying a third screen with the option in the second display language, said option having a same appearance as in the first screen although the third screen is displayed in the second language (Fig. 2B; the option F3 has the same appearance on both screens on Figs. 2A and 2B).

Per claim 31, Kusmierczyk teaches a display device according to claim 30, wherein the option is indicated in a predetermined language regardless of the display language currently selected (Fig. 2B; the option: F3; The examiner infers that the option having a same appearance regardless of the display language currently selected is that the F3 function key has the same appearance in both Figs. 2A and 2B).

Per claim 32, Kusmierczyk teaches a display device according to claim 30, wherein the option is indicated by a predetermined symbol regardless of the display language currently selected (Fig. 2B, symbol F3).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to Amendment C have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Inquiries

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanh T. Vu whose telephone number is (703)-308-9119. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur and every other Fri 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine L. Kincaid can be reached on (703) 308-0640. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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